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SUBJECT: PROCESSING OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

PURPOSE:

THIS MESSAGE ESTABLISHES GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR
PROCESSING INDOCHINESE REFUGEES QUICKLY THROUGH THE
RECEPTION AREAS IN THE UNITED STATES WHILE STILL INSURING
THAT THE REFUGEES ARE PROPERLY RESETTLED AND THAT THE
POSSIBILITY OF THEIR BECOMING A PUBLIC CHARGE IS REDUCED.
THE GOAL IS TO MAKE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES SELF-SUPPORTING
MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE
TIME.

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GENERAL:

THE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THIS MESSAGE
SHOULD BE FOLLOWED AT EACH PROCESSING CENTER. HOWEVER,
THE SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR MAY MODIFY THESE PROCEDURES

TO FIT HIS PARTICULAR NEEDS. HE SHOULD NOTIFY THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE, WASHINGTON, D.C., OF MAJOR CHANGES.

PROCESSING SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED EXPEDITIOUSLY. ARRIVING REFUGEES SHOULD BEGIN PROCESSING AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE. THE ELEMENTS OF PROCESSING ARE: (A) RECEPTION; (B) IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE IN-PROCESSING; (C) ISSUANCE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS; (D) HEALTH, EDUCATION WELFARE, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COUNSELLING; (E) SPONSORSHIP VERIFICATION; (F) INS FINAL PROCESSING (SECURITY CHECK VERIFICATION); (G) FINAL OUTPROCESSING AND TRAVEL.

SECURITY CLEARANCES:

RESULTS OF SECURITY CHECKS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE RELEASE FROM REFUGEE CAMPS FOR ALL REFUGEES 17 AND OVER EXCEPT: (A) RELATIVES OF EITHER AMERICAN CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS; AND (B) FORMER US GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HAVING HAD VALID SECURITY CLEARANCES. SECURITY CHECKS ON PERSONS IN THESE CATEGORIES WILL BE PERFORMED AFTER THEY HAVE ARRIVED AT THEIR FINAL DESTINATION.

SPONSORSHIP:

WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, REFUGEES REQUIRE SPONSORS TO ASSIST IN INSURING THAT THE REFUGEES DO NOT BECOME PUBLIC CHARGES AND TO HELP EACH REFUGEE MAKE THE TRANSITION FROM REFUGEE STATUS TO STATUS AS A SELF-SUFFICIENT MEMBER OF HIS COMMUNITY.

SPONSORSHIP CAN TAKE THE FORM OF AN OFFER OF SUPPORT, EMPLOYMENT OR BOTH. HOWEVER, THE SPONSOR MUST ALSO BE READY TO HELP THE REFUGEE WITH SOME OF THE LESS TANGIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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ASPECTS OF RESETTLEMENT SUCH AS ADJUSTMENT TO A NEW CULTURE, ACQUAINTING THE REFUGEE WITH AMERICAN LAW AND REQUIREMENTS. SPONSORSHIP IS NOT A FORMAL, LEGAL COMMITMENT. HOWEVER, THE SPONSOR UNDERTAKES A CLEAR MORAL COMMITMENT TO HELP THE REFUGEE TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITY.

SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

A SPONSOR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPROPRIATE VOLAG, WILL BE EXPECTED TO:

1. RECEIVE THE REFUGEE AND HIS FAMILY;
2. PROVIDE SHELTER AND FOOD, UNTIL THE REFUGEE BECOMES

- SELF-SUFFICIENT. SHELTER NEED NOT BE IN THE RESIDENCE OF THE SPON OR BUT MUST BE ADEQUATE;
3. PROVIDE CLOTHING AND POCKET MONEY;
 4. PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN FINDING EMPLOYMENT AND IN SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR CHILDREN;
 5. COVER ORDINARY MEDICAL COSTS OR MEDICAL INSURANCE.

ONCE EMPLOYMENT IS OBTAINED, THE SPONSOR WILL ASSIST THE REFUGEE TO LOCATE PERMANENT HOUSING, ACQUIRE MINIMAL FURNITURE AND ARRANGE FOR UTILITIES.

PROCESSING OF REFUGEES BY CATEGORY:

THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL APPLY FOR THE PROCESSING OF VARIOUS REFUGEE CATEGORIES.

1. REFUGEES WITHOUT SPONSORS.

VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL PLAY THE MAJOR ROLE IN RESETTLING REFUGEES BY MATCHING THEM WITH SPECIFIC SPONSORS BY OBTAINING THE PLEDGES OF INDIVIDUALS, CHURCHES OR COMMUNITY GROUPS TO RESETTLE THE REFUGEES AND BY MATCHING OTHER OFFERS OF SPONSORSHIP THAT ARE NOT SPECIFIC AS TO PERSONS OR FAMILY. (ANNEX A)

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF OFFERS FOR SPONSORSHIP, EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING AND MATERIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSISTANCE. THESE OFFERS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE VOLAGS FOR VERIFICATION AND FOLLOW-UP. SIMILAR OFFERS RECEIVED AT THE RECEPTION CENTERS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO VOLUNTARY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES AT THE CENTERS.

2. REFUGEES SPECIFICALLY NAMED BY A SPONSOR.

OFFERS TO SPONSOR A NAMED INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY WHICH CAN BE MATCHED WITH REFUGEES OF THE SAME NAME AT THE

CAMPS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO A VOLAG FOR VERIFICATION. BECAUSE OF THE SIMILARITY OF VIETNAMESE NAMES, THE VOLAG SHOULD FIRST VERIFY THAT THE CORRECT REFUGEES HAVE BEEN LOCATED. IN CASES WHERE A SPONSOR HAS NAMED A SPECIFIC FAMILY OR THE REFUGEE HAS NAMED A PROPOSED SPONSOR, THE VOLAG WILL MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES OF THE SPONSOR TO CONFIRM HIS WILLINGNESS TO HELP THE REFUGEE AND TO VERIFY THE PLANS FOR RESETTLING THE REFUGEE. THE RESPONSIBILITIES THE SPONSOR IS ASSUMING WILL BE EXPLAINED TO THE SPONSOR. AS REQUIRED, THE VOLAG WILL ARRANGE FOR A LOCAL CHECK TO DETERMINE INsofar AS POSSIBLE WHETHER THE SPONSOR HAS THE MEANS

NEEDED FOR SPONSORSHIP.

PROSPECTIVE SPONSORS SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO SEND A STATEMENT OR TELEGRAM TO THE INDIVIDUAL REFUGEE IN CARE OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS AT THE LOCAL CAMP OR TO CERTIFY TO THE VOLAG REPRESENTATIVE IN THE SPONSOR'S LOCALITY THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THE OBLIGATIONS OF SPONSORSHIP AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST THE NAMED REFUGEES IN OBTAINING HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER ASSISTANCE WHICH WILL LEAD TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY. STATEMENT SHOULD BE SIGNED AND CONTAIN ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF SPONSOR. WE ARE ASKING THE VOLAGS TO PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF THEIR DIRECT-NAME SPONSORSHIP SERVICE. (ANNEX B)

IF THE SPONSOR IS DETERMINED TO BE RESPONSIBLE BY THE VOLAG, INS WILL AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE REFUGEE FROM CAMP. THOSE CASES CONSIDERED DOUBTFUL BY THE UNCLASSIFIED

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VOLAG WILL BE REJECTED AND THE REFUGEE WILL BE RESETTLED BY OTHER VOLUNTARY AGENCY EFFORTS.

3. REFUGEES WITH INDEPENDENT MEANS.

CERTAIN REFUGEES MAY HAVE ACCESS TO PERSONAL RESOURCES WHICH WILL ENABLE THEM TO BE SELF-SUSTAINING. THESE REFUGEES MAY REQUIRE ONLY BRIEF COUNSELLING TO DIRECT THEM TO A RESETTLEMENT LOCATION. A SINGLE ADULT OR FAMILY WITH AT LEAST ONE ADULT WITH FACILITY IN ENGLISH, VOCATIONAL SKILLS AND A GENERAL IDEA OF A RESETTLEMENT LOCATION CAN MEET THE SELF-SUSTAINING TEST IF THE FAMILY HAS AVERAGE RESOURCES OF DOLS 4000 PER CAPITA, EXCLUSIVE OF TRANSPORTATION. A BOARD

AT EACH CAMP COMPRISED OF OFFICIALS OF STATE, INS AND HEW WILL MAKE THE DETERMINATION OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND AUTHORIZE RELEASE FROM CAMP. REFUGEES DETERMINED TO HAVE ADEQUATE PERSONAL FUNDS SHOULD NOT BE MAINTAINED AT CAMPS AT USG EXPENSE ONCE SECURITY CHECKS ARE COMPLETED.

THE BOARD WILL INTERVIEW THE REFUGEE AND DETERMINE WHETHER HE CAN ADEQUATELY MEET THE ABOVE TEST OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY. IF HE DOES, HE WILL BE CERTIFIED FOR DEPARTURE FROM CAMP WITHOUT REFERRAL TO A VOLUNTARY AGENCY AND WITHOUT THE REQUIREMENT FOR SPONSORSHIP.

4. RELATIVES OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AND PERMANENT ALIENS.

HEW, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE RED CROSS, WILL VERIFY THE WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY OF THE NAMED RELATIVE TO

QUOTE SPONSOR UNQUOTE AND RESETTLE THE REFUGEES.
ONCE CONFIRMED, INS WILL RELEASE THOSE REFUGEES WITHOUT
AN ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENT. IF HEW DECIDES
THE SPONSOR IS UNABLE TO CARE FOR THE REFUGEES, THE CASE
WILL BE PASSED TO AN ACCREDITED VOLUNTARY AGENCY FOR
PROCESSING. QUOTE RELATIVES UNQUOTE OF U.S. CITIZENS
INCLUDES SPOUSE, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, CHILDREN,
GRANDCHILDREN, UNMARRIED SIBLINGS AND HANDICAPPED
DEPENDENTS.
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5. OFFERS BY FORMER EMPLOYERS.

IF SPONSORSHIP IS OFFERED BY A FORMER EMPLOYER, THE
OFFER WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE BOARD ESTABLISHED UNDER
SECTION 3 AND IF THE FORMER EMPLOYER IS DEEMED TO BE
RESPONSIBLE - A MAJOR CORPORATION, CHARITABLE GROUP OR
USG - THE REFUGEE WILL BE RELEASED TO THE EMPLOYER
WITHOUT VOLUNTARY AGENCY ASSISTANCE. IF THE EMPLOYER
CANNOT OFFER THE FULL RANGE OF SPONSOR SERVICES, HE
SHOULD BE PUT IN TOUCH WITH AN APPROVED RESETTLEMENT
VOLUNTARY AGENCY.

IF AN EMPLOYER PROPOSES TO SEND THE REFUGEE OUTSIDE THE
UNITED STATES TO WORK, THE REFUGEE SHOULD CONSULT WITH
INS TO ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE TRAVEL AND RE-ENTRY
DOCUMENTS ARE ISSUED.

6. TRAVEL:

THE REFUGEE MAY TRAVEL AT HIS OWN EXPENSE, THE EXPENSE
OF HIS SPONSOR, OR GOVERNMENT EXPENSE. GOVERNMENT-PAID
TRAVEL SHOULD NOT BE RELIED UPON AND AT A MINIMUM,
PARTIAL PAYMENT BY THE SPONSOR OR REFUGEE SHOULD BE
ATTEMPTED. HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT PAID TRAVEL IS PREFERRED
OVER JEOPARDIZING SPONSORSHIP OR DEPRIVING THE REFUGEE
OF ESSENTIAL FUNDS REQUIRED FOR RESETTLEMENT. IN ORDER
TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR GOVERNMENT TRAVEL EXPENSES,
THE ASSETS OF THE REFUGEE OR SPONSOR SHOULD BE
VERIFIED BY HEW BEFORE TRAVEL IS AUTHORIZED AT
GOVERNMENT EXPENSE. DOCUMENTATION OF THE LACK OF
ABILITY OF THE REFUGEE OR SPONSOR TO FINANCE TRAVEL IS
REQUIRED. ATTACHED AT ANNEX C IS A SAMPLE FORM WHICH
MAY BE USED BY THE REFUGEE OR SPONSOR TO AUTHENTICATE
THE REQUIREMENT FOR TRAVEL AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

CLEARANCES:

THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH THE APPROPRIATE
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE
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ANNEX A:

VOLAG STATEMENT

DATE:

TO: DIRECTOR, IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
CAMP

RE:

NAMES A NUMBER

THE ABOVE NAMED REFUGEES ARE APPROVED TO BE MOVED
FOR RESETTLEMENT TO

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF

SINCERELY YOURS,

(NAME AND TITLE OF
CC: HEW DESIGNATED VOLAG REPRESENTATIVE'

ANNEX B:

NAME SELECTED SPONSORS
SEND TELEGRAM STATING

I WILL MAKE EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT TO PROVIDE OR
ASSIST IN OBTAINING HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER
ASSISTANCE WHICH WILL LEAD TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY FOR
THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

SIGNED:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

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REQUEST TOLL -

RED CROSS
VOLAGS

SEND IT TO REFUGEE C/O RED CROSS

ANNEX C:

SAMPLE GOVERNMENT TRAVEL REQUEST STATEMENT

QUOTE AS INDICATED BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW I DO

HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO

FUNDS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE TRANSPORTATION

TO MY DESIGNATION. FURTHER, I UNDERSTAND

THAT MY FAILURE TO SO DECLARE SUCH FUNDS AS

AVAILABLE MAY MAKE ME LIABLE FOR REPAYMENT

AT A LATER DATE UNQUOTE

POINTS: THIS STATEMENT MAY BE ON A COMBINED
MANIFEST OR INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS
MAY BE SIGNED.

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